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## ALLIANZ PARTNERS NEW ZEALAND CONFIRMS CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Allianz Partners New Zealand has announced the appointment of Kevin Blyth as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This news further strengthens the business's commitment to the market, supporting a generation of future growth as the company brings additional products and services to New Zealand.

Kevin joined Allianz Partners New Zealand more than three years ago as Chief Operating Officer and moved from his role to the position of acting CEO in January.

Asia-Pacific CEO Vinay Surana says, "Kevin has been leading the business in an interim capacity for the past six months. He has effectively managed the business during an exceptionally challenging time. We are pleased to appoint him to this position on a permanent basis and his appointment highlights our continued commitment to serving our clients and partners in New Zealand."

Kevin has an extensive background in insurance covering a variety of products including Life and Health Insurance, Travel Insurance, Pet and Inbound Student. With two years at the Pan-Asian Life insurance company, AIA and 11 years at the financial services company, AMP, Kevin is well-versed in insurance and a proven business leader.

"I'm delighted to make my role as acting Chief Executive Officer a permanent one. This year has been a challenging one for our team, our partners, customers as well as the travel and insurance industries. I'm pleased to be able to continue to do all that I can to provide support and steer us through an unprecedented time," says Kevin.

Allianz Partners New Zealand, based in Takapuna, provides New Zealand customers assistance services, travel insurance, event insurance, pet insurance and student insurance products, through their local and international business partners.

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# **Notes to Editors**

#### **About Allianz Partners**

Allianz Partners is a world leader in B2B2C insurance and assistance, specialising in the areas of international health and life, automotive, assistance and travel insurance. Operating in over 78 countries, Allianz Partners offers global solutions that are redefining help, going beyond traditional insurance to help and protect customers wherever they are and whenever they need it. Our innovative experts deliver future ready, high-tech, high-touch products and services through four commercial brands: Allianz Assistance, Allianz Care, Allianz Automotive and Allianz Travel. Our 21,500 employees handle over 54 million cases each year, motivated to go the extra mile to help and protect customers and employees around the world.

### **About Allianz Partners New Zealand**

Based in Auckland, we employ more than 100 staff, specialising locally in providing and managing assistance services, travel insurance, event insurance, student insurance and pet insurance through our



New Zealand and international business partners. Our strength lies in combining the solidarity and trust that comes with being part of an established global organisation with the local expertise of our New Zealand team.

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